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SUBJECT: NATO COBS

REF: CINCUSAFE MSG P111200Z MAY L974

1. THE MOD TOLD US MAY 20 THAT IT AGREED TO MAKE
PFERDSFELD AIRFIELD AVAILABLE TO US FOR USE AS A COB
AND ACCEPTED FRG ASSUMPTION OF FUNCTION AS HOST NATION
SPONSOR FOR NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUND REPAYMENTS FOR PRE-
FINANCED AIRFIELD PROTECTION MEASURES FOR RAPID REACTOR
AIRCRAFT.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS AT PFERDSFELD, OUR CONTACTS POINTED OUT THAT
ACCORDING TO SHAPE DIRECTIVE ON FACILITIES NEEDED BY
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EXTERNAL FORCES (SHAPE 6600-3-487/73) APPROPRIATION OF

NATO FUNDS CAN ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN IF THE AUGMENTATION FORCES ARE PUT UNDER OR EARMARKED FOR NATO COMMAND AND IF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED BY APPROPRIATE MILITARY SERVICE COMMANDS REGARDING COMMITMENT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FUNCTIONS. THEY DOUBT THAT THE CURRENT FRG DEFENSE BUDGET WILL PERMIT EARLY REALIZATION OF THE PROTECTIVE MEASURES AT PFERDSFELD REQUIRED BY SHAPE CRITERIA, AND THEY WOULD WELCOME A REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM TO DETERMINE WHETHER USAF COULD NOT, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAPID RUNWAY REPAIR AND ACTIVE AIR DEFENSE.

3. RE GEILENKIRCHEN THE GAF IS PLANNING TO REPAIR THE AIRFIELD BUT IS CONTINUING TO ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT. IN THE MOD'S VIEW, AN EARLIER SOLUTION TO THE FUNDING PROBLEM MAY BE POSSIBLE IF GEILENKIRCHEN WERE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL COB LIST TO BE DETERMINED BY THE JOINT US-FRG WORKING GROUP. THIS APPROACH MIGHT EASE THE FUNDING PROBLEM AND PERMIT EARLIER REPAIR OF THE AIRFIELD. HOWEVER, THE CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT HOST NATION SPONSORSHIP AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES WHICH APPLIED TO PFERDSFELD (PARA 2 ABOVE) ALSO APPLY TO GEILENKIRCHEN.

4. IN REFTTEL, USAFE REPORTED (NOTAL) IT RECEIVED FRG AGREEMENT FOR THE COB CONCEPT AND USE OF PFERDSFELD. WE UNDERSTAND USAFE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE AT AN EARLY AGREEMENT WITH FRG ON AN MOU AND THAT A SITE SURVEY OF PFERDSFELD IN SUPPORT OF THE FY 75 MCP AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 28-31. HILLENBRAND

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